## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Takashi IKEMORI et al.

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

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For:

HOME-DELIVERY METHOD, HOME-DELIVERY SERVER AND

**RECORDING MEDIUM** 

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee for and examination of the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

7. (ONCE AMENDED) The home-delivery server according to claim 5 [or claim 6], further comprising means for informing the receiver of a message at a timing before the day and time designated by the receiver, the message being for inviting the receiver to receive the parcel.

Please ADD the following NEW claims:

9. (NEW) The home-delivery server according to claim 6, further comprising means for informing the receiver of a message at a timing before the day and time designated by the receiver, the message being for inviting the receiver to receive the parcel.

## **REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to further prosecution of this application by placing same in better form, including eliminating all multiple-dependencies from the claims. Accordingly, entry of the Preliminary Amendment and favorable examination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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